



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Respiratory Care Week 2016

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Society for Respiratory Care is a volunteer-based, non-profit, professional organization committed to the support of the respiratory care practitioner and to the pulmonary health of the people in Hawai'i and the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Society for Respiratory Care understands the services provided by respiratory therapists have become crucial to the health of individuals; respiratory therapists are involved in the evaluation and monitoring of heart and lung functions, as well as giving treatments; and

WHEREAS, respiratory therapists assume important medical responsibilities that include providing emergency airway management, working with patients in critical care, delivering medications to improve acute and chronic lung conditions, providing diagnostic testing for lung disease and educating individuals about lung health and the effects of smoking; and

WHEREAS, respiratory therapists are important members of the health care team working under the direction of doctors to treat all types of patients, ranging from premature infants whose lungs are not fully developed to elderly individuals with lung disease; and

WHEREAS, respiratory therapists assist patients in hospitals as well as long-term care facilities, home care, and rehabilitation facilities working with patients with conditions like asthma, sleep apnea, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 23 - 29, 2016 as

"RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK"

in Hawai'i, and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing respiratory care professionals for their dedication and commitment as they continue to look after the pulmonary health of the people in Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, in Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this ninth day of September 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i